

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical connector disposed ~~in use~~ between a store and an aircraft or dispenser and comprising,
 - (a) an first aircraft-side part half of the connector being mechanically connected to one of the store or the aircraft or/ dispenser, and
 - (b) a second, complementary store-side part mechanically half of the connector being connected to an electrical cable attached to the other of the store, an electrical cable comprising one of the mechanical connections,
the aircraft-side part or the aircraft/dispenser, the connector second half comprising:
 - i. a core having a forward end containing electrical contacts for engaging corresponding contacts in the store-side part and
 - ii. an outer shell snap-engageable with the first store-side part connector half to securely retain the aircraft-side part connector second half in mating engagement with the store-side part connector first half while the store is being carried by the aircraft or/ dispenser, the outer shell being adapted to be pulled off the store-side part connector first half as the store is separated from the aircraft or/ dispenser, the outer shell being formed as a separate component or assembly, removably attached to the connector second half core and adapted to be fitted to the core from the forward end on assembly.
2. (Currently amended) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1 in which the snap-engagement is provided by a resilient finger extending axially between the aircraft-side part first and the store-side part second connector halves, the finger being attached to one of the connector halves parts and an engageable with a detent provided on the other part connector half.

3. (Original) An electrical connector as defined in claim 2 in which the finger is attached to a ring mounted on a sleeve comprising the outer shell.
4. (Original) An electrical connector as defined in claim 2 in which the detent is a circumferential rib formed on a collar connected to the connector first half.
5. (Currently amended) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1 in which the outer shell comprises an attachment ring rotatable about the store-side part ~~second connector half~~ and to which ends of a lanyard are anchored.
6. (Currently amended) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1 in which the outer shell is held on the store-side part ~~connector second half~~ core by a threaded clamping ring.
7. (Currently amended) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1 in which the outer shell is provided with electro-magnetic compatibility ~~EMC~~ shielding.